

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10 and 22 are amended, and claims 8-9 and 14-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 22 are the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully note that the present action does not indicate that the claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 has been acknowledged or that certified copies of all priority documents have been received by the U.S.P.T.O. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's next communication include an indication as to the claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and an acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copies of all priority documents.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lyu et al. (US 6,623,711, hereinafter "Lyu") in view of Akoi et al. (US 5,700,899, hereinafter "Akoi"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Lyu does not disclose a condensation catalyst generator in the composition, and relies on the teachings of Aoki for this feature of claim 1.

However, the Examiner has not pointed out (nor can Applicants find) where Aoki teaches or suggests that the condensation catalyst generator is a photoacid generator or photobase generator capable of generating an acid or base by light exposure or heating, and furthermore, the photoacid generator is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by the Formulae 5 to 7 listed above, and as recited in claim 1.

The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection to Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 2-13, dependent on independent claim 1, are patentable for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1 as well as for their own merits.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to independent claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Erin G. Hoffman, Reg. No. 57,752, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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